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- 1. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION JULY 15 WITH FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION (FMT) OFFICIALS ON CONTENTS REFTEL, HEAD OF SCHEDULED AIRLINE SECTION HAN-WERNER PAAS ASKED EMBOFF TO TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT FRG REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS IN OCTOBER THIS YEAR, UNDER US-FRG BI-LATERAL CIVIL AVIATION AGREEMENT. PAAS AWARE THAT US HAS CONSULTATIONS UNDERWAY OR PENDING WITH JAPAN, ITALY AND PERHAPS OTHERS, BUT HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN US-FRG CONSULTATION SINCE 1970.
- 2. EXACT POLICY WAS STILL BEING WORKED OUT WITHIN THE FMT, PAAS SAID, BUT IT WAS LIKELY THE FRG WOULD DESIRE A TOUR D'HORIZON OF US-FRG AVIATION RELATIONS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON NEW DESTINATIONS, AND POSSIBLY ON MULTIPLE DESIGNATIONS AS WELL, ESPECIALLY IF TWA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTENDS TO RESUME ITS SERVICES TO GERMANY. THE FRG WOULD ALSO WANT TO DISCUSS CAPACITY CONTROL AND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS. PAAS SAID HE HAD WRITTEN TO TWA TO ASK WHETHER THEY INTENDED TO RESUME SERVICES TO GERMANY AND, IF SO, WITH WHAT GUAGE AND FREQUENCY.

3. ACCORDING TO PAAS, THE FRG REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS

WAS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO BERMUDA II AND WOULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN ANY CASE, BUT, HE CONCEDED "NO ONE CAN NEGLECT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BERMUDA II." HE FOUND ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT THE PROVISIONS ON SINGLE AND MULTIPLE DESIGNATIONS, THE APPARENT IMPORTANCE THE US PUT ON ITS FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS TO GERMANY, AND THE NEW DESTINATIONS IN THE US SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE ASKED TO BE PROVIDED A TEXT OF THE NEW AGREEMENT WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

3. IT WAS CLEAR FROM THE DISCUSSION THAT THE FMT IS THINKING IN TERMS OF BALANCING WHAT THEY CLAIM IS AN IMBALANCE IN TRAFFIC (60 PERCENT OF ALL PASSENGERS ON US CARRIERS) BY NEW DESTINATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN US (PAAS MAINTAINED THAT THE PRESENT ABSENCE OF DIRECT FLIGHTS BETWEEN THIS AREA AND GERMANY WAS IN THE INTEREST OF NEITHER GERMANY NOR THE US). THE PRESUMED US DESIRE FOR FIFTH FREEDOM TRAFFIC THROUGH LONDON AND FOR MULTIPLE DESIGNATION FROM US POINTS TO GERMANY WOULD BE MAJOR BARGAINING POINTS.

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